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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
RODNEY WILLIAM VANSTONE, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: February 11, 2002 )  
For: ROTOR AND METHOD FOR )  
WELDING AN ELEMENT OF A )  
ROTOR )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, applicants request that the following claim amendments be entered. No new matter has been introduced in these amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace Claims 3-15 and 18-26 as follows.

3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said weld metal comprises at least 0.3% manganese.

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said weld metal comprises 0.005% or less sulphur.

5. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said weld metal comprises at least 1.7% tungsten.